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BY COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION

(SUCCESSOR TO HF 2103)

A BILL FOR

1 An Act relating to supplementary weighting for shared
2 operational functions of school districts and including
3 effective date provisions.
4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

1 Section 1. Section 257.11, subsection 7, paragraph a,
2 subparagraph (1), Code 2014, is amended to read as follows:

3 (1) In order to provide additional funding to increase
4 student opportunities and redirect more resources to student
5 programming for school districts that share operational
6 functions, ~~a supplementary weighting of two hundredths per~~
7 ~~pupil shall be assigned to pupils enrolled in a district that~~
8 ~~shares with a political subdivision one or more operational~~
9 ~~functions of a curriculum director, school administration~~
10 ~~manager, social worker, school nurse, school counselor, or~~
11 ~~school librarian, or one or more operational functions in the~~
12 ~~areas of superintendent management, business management, human~~
13 ~~resources, transportation, or operation and maintenance for at~~
14 ~~least twenty percent of the school year shall be assigned a~~
15 supplementary weighting for each shared operational function.
16 A school district that shares an operational function in
17 the area of superintendent management shall be assigned a
18 supplementary weighting of eight pupils for the function. A
19 school district that shares an operational function in the area
20 of business management, human resources, transportation, or
21 operation and maintenance shall be assigned a supplementary
22 weighting of five pupils for the function. A school district
23 that shares the operational functions of a curriculum director
24 or a school counselor shall be assigned a supplementary
25 weighting of three pupils for the function. The additional
26 weighting shall be assigned for each discrete operational
27 function shared. However, a school district may receive the
28 additional weighting under this subsection for sharing the
29 services of an individual with a political subdivision even if
30 the type of operational function performed by the individual
31 for the school district and the type of operational function
32 performed by the individual for the political subdivision are
33 not the same operational function, so long as both operational
34 functions are eligible for weighting under this subsection. In
35 such case, the school district shall be assigned the additional

1 weighting for the type of operational function that the
 2 individual performs for the school district, and the school
 3 district shall not receive additional weighting for any other
 4 function performed by the individual. The operational function
 5 sharing arrangement does not need to be a newly implemented
 6 sharing arrangement to receive supplementary weighting under
 7 this subsection. ~~However, to receive supplementary weighting~~
 8 ~~under this subsection for an ongoing operational function~~
 9 ~~sharing arrangement that began before July 1, 2014, the~~
 10 ~~district shall submit information to the department documenting~~
 11 ~~the cost savings directly attributable to the shared~~
 12 ~~operational functions and describe the district's consideration~~
 13 ~~of additional shared operational functions.~~

14 Sec. 2. Section 257.11, subsection 7, paragraphs c and d,
 15 Code 2014, are amended to read as follows:

16 c. Supplementary weighting pursuant to this subsection
 17 shall be available to a school district for a maximum of
 18 five years during the period commencing with the budget year
 19 beginning July 1, 2014, through the budget year beginning July
 20 1, 2019. ~~The minimum amount of additional weighting for which~~
 21 ~~a school district shall be eligible is an amount equivalent to~~
 22 ~~ten additional pupils, and the maximum amount of additional~~
 23 ~~weighting for which a school district shall be eligible is~~
 24 ~~an amount equivalent to forty additional pupils.~~ Receipt of
 25 supplementary weighting by a school district pursuant to this
 26 subsection for more than one year shall be contingent upon
 27 the annual submission of information by the district to the
 28 department documenting cost savings directly attributable to
 29 the shared operational functions. Criteria for determining
 30 the number of years for which supplementary weighting shall
 31 be received pursuant to this subsection, subject to the
 32 five-year maximum, and for determining qualification of
 33 operational functions for supplementary weighting shall be
 34 determined by the department by rule, through consideration of
 35 long-term savings by the school district or increased student

1 opportunities.

d. Supplementary weighting pursuant to this subsection shall be available to an area education agency for a maximum of five years during the period commencing with the budget year beginning July 1, 2014, through the budget year beginning July 1, 2019. However, in lieu of the amount of weighting provided to school districts for shared operational functions under paragraph "a", a supplementary weighting of two hundredths per pupil shall be assigned to each pupil within the area served by the area education agency. The minimum amount of additional funding for which an area education agency shall be eligible is fifty thousand dollars, and the maximum amount of additional funding for which an area education agency shall be eligible is two hundred thousand dollars. The department of management shall annually set a weighting for each area education agency to generate the approved operational sharing expense using the area education agency's special education cost per pupil amount and foundation level. Receipt of supplementary weighting by an area education agency for more than one year shall be contingent upon the annual submission of information by the district to the department documenting cost savings directly attributable to the shared operational functions. Criteria for determining the number of years for which supplementary weighting shall be received pursuant to this subsection, subject to the five-year maximum, and the amount generated by the supplementary weighting, and for determining qualification of operational functions for supplementary weighting shall be determined by the department by rule, through consideration of long-term savings by the area education agency or increased student opportunities.

31 Sec. 3. EFFECTIVE UPON ENACTMENT. This Act, being deemed of
32 immediate importance, takes effect upon enactment.

EXPLANATION

The inclusion of this explanation does not constitute agreement with the explanation's substance by the members of the general assembly.

1 Code section 257.11(7), enacted in 2013 Iowa Acts, ch 65
2 (HF 472), established supplementary weighting of 0.02 per
3 pupil for school districts and area education agencies that
4 share with a political subdivision one or more operational
5 functions of a curriculum director, school administration
6 manager, social worker, school nurse, school counselor, or
7 school librarian, or one or more operational functions in the
8 areas of superintendent management, business management, human
9 resources, transportation, or operation and maintenance for at
10 least 20 percent of the school year. The additional weighting
11 is assigned for each discrete operational function shared. The
12 supplementary weighting is available to a school district for
13 a maximum of five years during the period commencing with the
14 budget year beginning July 1, 2014, through the budget year
15 beginning July 1, 2019. Code section 257.11(7) establishes a
16 minimum amount and a maximum amount of additional weighting
17 for which a school district or area education agency may be
18 eligible.

19 This bill strikes school administration manager, social
20 worker, school nurse, and school librarian from the list of
21 operational functions for which supplementary weighting is
22 provided to school districts and area education agencies.

23 The bill also strikes the 0.02 per pupil supplementary
24 weighting for school districts and establishes an additional
25 weighting for each shared operational function of the school
26 district based on the type of operational function. A school
27 district that shares an operational function in the area of
28 superintendent management shall be assigned a supplementary
29 weighting of eight pupils. A school district that shares
30 an operational function in the area of business management,
31 human resources, transportation, or operation and maintenance
32 shall be assigned a supplementary weighting of five pupils.
33 A school district that shares the operational functions of a
34 curriculum director or a school counselor shall be assigned a
35 supplementary weighting of three pupils.

1 The bill also provides that a school district may receive
2 the additional weighting for sharing the services of an
3 individual with a political subdivision even if the type of
4 operational function performed by the individual for the school
5 district and the type of operational function performed by
6 the individual for the political subdivision are not the same
7 operational function, so long as both operational functions
8 are eligible for weighting under the bill. In such case, the
9 school district shall be assigned the additional weighting for
10 the type of operational function that the individual performs
11 for the school district, and the school district shall not
12 receive additional weighting for any other function performed
13 by the individual.

14 The bill also strikes the minimum and maximum amounts
15 of additional weighting for which a school district may be
16 eligible and language relating to ongoing operational function
17 sharing agreements that began before July 1, 2014.

18 The bill retains the 0.02 per pupil supplementary weighting
19 provided to area education agencies. The bill also retains the
20 minimum amount and maximum amount of additional weighting for
21 which an area education agency may be eligible.

22 The bill takes effect upon enactment.